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FOR S/S DAVID ANDERSON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY) GW WB
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: BRIGADE 76 VARIANT

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1. FOLLOWING IS FRANKFURT'S LATEST TENTATIVE THINKING
ON BRIGADE 76 VARIANT OF PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM JULY 15.
IT HAS NOT YET RECEIVED MILITARY COMMENT FROM ANY
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMANDS.

BEGIN TEXT

1000 THE PRESIDENT'S MOTORCADE ARRIVES ON THE
BASE AT WIESBADEN/ERBENHEIM.
WE WOULD ENVISAGE
THE FOLLOWING POSSIBLE SCENARIO:

-- THE PRESIDENTIAL MOTORCADE WOULD SLOWLY
DRIVE DOWN THE MAIN RUNWAY ALONG WHICH THERE
WOULD BE LINED UP A MASSIVE ARRAY OF BRIGADE
76 AND BUNDESWEHR COMBAT VEHICLES WITH THEIR
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CREWS IN BATTLE GEAR. (EQUIPMENT WOULD
INCLUDE TANKS, ARTILLERY, ACPS WITH THEIR
INFANTRY SQUADS AND PERHAPS OTHERS.) THE
WHOLE PURPOSE OF THIS DISPLAY, WHICH SHOULD
ALSO INCLUDE SOME LANCE MISSILES, WOULD BE TO
CONVEY TO THE PUBLIC -- THROUGH THE NO LESS
MASSIVE ARRAY OF ACCOMPANYING PRESS AND

CAMERAS -- A SENSE OF MASSED STRENGTH AND POWER.

-- AT A POINT TO BE SELECTED (E.G., PERHAPS ABOUT TWO-THIRDS DOWN THE LINE OF ARMORED VEHICLES), THE PRESIDENTIAL MOTORCADE WOULD STOP. HERE THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE GREETED BY SENIOR US AND GERMAN ARMY OFFICIALS. THESE WOULD THEN ESCORT THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHANCELLOR PAST SOME OF THE REMAINING COMBAT VEHICLES IN THE LINEUP THUS GIVING THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHAT BRIEFLY WITH THE JUNIOR OFFICERS, NCO'S AND TROOPERS, INSPECT THE EQUIPMENT AND ASK QUESTIONS. THIS PORTION FROM ARRIVAL ON THE BASE TO ITS COMPLETION WOULD TAKE APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES.

-- THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHANCELLOR WOULD THEN WALK TO AN IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT AREA WHERE MOTAR, ARTILLERY AND TANK CREWS WOULD BE CONDUCTING SUBCALIBER FIRING AT SIMULATED TARGETS. THEY WOULD WITNESS THIS TRAINING

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IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE WEAPONS AND THEIR CREWS, NOT FROM A DISTANCE. THIS PORTION MIGHT TAKE NO MORE THAN TEN MINUTES.

-- THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY WOULD THEN WALK TO A NEARBY POSITION ON THE MAIN RUNWAY FROM

WHICH THEY WOULD WITNESS AN ASSAULT AIRBORNE
LANDING BY THE INSERTION OF AN
INFANTRY COMPANY BY LIFT HELICOPTERS
ACCOMPANIED BY GUN SHIPS INTO A TARGET AREA
IN THE OPEN SPACE ADJACENT TO THE RUNWAY.
THIS ACTION WOULD TAKE APPROXIMATELY TEN
MINUTES.

-- FOLLOWING THE SIMULATED AIRBORNE ASSAULT
ALL THE TROOPS IN THE DISPLAY AND HELICOPTER
ASSAULT WOULD BREAK RANK AND ASSEMBLE IN A
DESIGNATED AREA NEAR THE PRESIDENT. THE
PRESIDENT (AND THE CHANCELLOR, IF HE WISHES)
COULD THEN ADDRESS REMARKS TO THE ASSEMBLED
AMERICAN AND GERMAN TROOPS. THIS PORTION
WOULD TAKE APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES.

-- FOLLOWING THE REMARKS TO THE TROOPS, A
TRUCK OR TRUCKS WITH COFFEE AND LIGHT
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REFRESHMENTS (E.G., DOUGHNUTS) COULD BE
BROUGHT UP TO BE SERVED TO THE TROOPS AND
TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHANCELLOR WHO WOULD
THEN MINGLE AND CHAT WITH THE SOLDIERS. THIS
PORTION WOULD TAKE APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES.

1100 THE PRESIDENTIAL MOTORCADE DEPARTS BRIGADE 76
ENROUTE TO FRANKFURT.

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